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SECSTATE PLEASE PASS DAVID SHEAR, DALTON GRIFFITH, AND
JOHN WITHERS OF AID AND TO JAMES RELPH OF CU/AF

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PALITIES

REF: (A) PARIS 38179 (C) (B) YAOUNDE 4661

1. POST APPRECIATES NOTICE OF GOURTOVOY VISIT AND
BACKGROUND ON APCI. YOU MAY APPRECIATE KNOWING THAT THE
AMERICAN TWIN CITIES ORGANIZATION SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL
(SCI) HAS BEEN NEGOTIATING WITH AID ABOUT POSSIBLE AMERICAN
INPUT (ON OPG BASIS, WE ASSUME) INTO THE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES
TRAINING SCHOOL OPENED THIS MONTH WITH THE SUPPORT OF APCI,
IN BUEA, CAMEROON. THE INTEREST CREW OUT OF A VISIT HERE
BY FORMER AMBASSADOR JOSEPH PALMER AND JERRY DREW EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR OF SCI LAST JUNE DURING WHICH THEY MINISTER FOR
TERRITORIAL ADMINISTRATION (WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MUNICIPAL
GOVERNMENT) MADE A STRONG REQUEST FOR AMERICAN ASSISTANCE
IN PROVIDING INSTRUCTORS AND OTHER SUPPORT FOR THE SCHOOL.
THE FRENCH AID MISSION, WITH APCI, IS PUTTING UP THE
EQUIVALENT OF DOLLARS 400,000 ANNUALLY FOR THREE YEARS FOR THE
PROJECT, TO PROVIDE FIVE FRENCH INSTRUCTORS AND CERTAIN
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EQUIPMENT.

2. OUR INTEREST IN WORKING WITH APCI, AS EXPRESSED IN PARIS
38179, MIGHT PROMPT AID/W TO GIVE ADDED ATTENTION TO THE SCI
PROPOSAL. AS INDICATED REF. B. VICE MINISTER OF TERRITORIAL
ADMINISTRATION YANG HAS SUGGESTED THAT THE AMERICAN INPUT
CHANNELED THROUGH SCI MIGHT BE IN THE FORM OF MATERIAL

SUPPORT (TYPEWRITERS, VEHICLES, BOOKS, FILMS, PRINTED MATERIALS ON TOWN-RELATED SUBJECTS) OR INSTRUCTORS. HE SUGGESTS SANITARY ENGINEERS, EXPERTS IN WATER SYSTEMS, GENERAL ADMINISTRATION AND CITY MANAGEMENT, HEALTH AND COMMUNITY PLANNERS AND FIRE CONTROL. YANG ALSO EXPECTS THE BUEA CENTER TO BECOME A REGIONAL CENTER FOR TRAINING OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES FROM OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES IN REGION.

3. IF AID RESPONDS FAVORABLY TO THE SCI REQUEST RELATIVE TO CAMEROON, IT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER A SIMILAR FRANCO-AMERICAN VENTURE WITH THE APCI PROGRAM BEING SET UP IN GABON AND ELSEWHERE IN AFRICA. WE AGREE WITH REFTEL A THAT AREA OF MUNICIPAL CADRE TRAINING HAS BEEN NEGLECTED AND HOPE THAT WE CAN FIN THE MEANS TO JOIN WITH THE APCI INITIATIVE.

4. FOR AID AND CU/AF: WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONSULTING WITH SCI RE THE ABOVE AND PROVIDING ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU MAY HAVE CONCERNING AN SCI INPUT INTO THE BUEA MUNICIPAL TRAINING CENTER.
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